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CONGRESS.

A Lively and Interesting Field Day.

THE NEGROES WORKING WELL IN ALABAMA.

ARRIVAL OF THE CHOLERA STEAMSHIP ENGLAND IN NEW YORK LOWER BAY.

Two Hundred Deaths by Cholera on Board.

THE CONDITION OF THE PASSENGERS MUCH IMPROVED.

Philadelphia Report that Jeff. Davis will Soon be Released.

GEN. GRANT AND FAMILY IN RICHMOND.

Condition of the Freedmen in Florida and Alabama.

FREEDMEN GOING SOUTH FROM WASHINGTON.

Frauds on the Government in the Q. M. Department, Nashville.

FROM WASHINGTON.

[Special Despatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

WASHINGTON, April 21.

FOURTEEN PACIFIC RAILROAD—GEN. GRANT'S OPINION.

Quartermaster Gen. Meigs has written a letter urging the immediate construction of the Northern Pacific Railroad, and showing that the vast saving in expense to the Government in the transportation of troops and supplies, will amply repay to the Government for the aid asked for by the Company. Gen. Grant has plated the following indorsement upon it:

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES, WASHINGTON, April 21.—The construction of a railroad to the Pacific coast would be of very great advantage to the Government permanently, by saving in the cost of transportation necessary troops, whose presence in the country thereby rendered unnecessary, in the saving in the cost of supplies necessary to maintain them at the interior posts, and in the time required for the movement of troops and supplies. The question is one of vast importance to the whole country, and should be favorably considered by the Government.

U. S. GRANT, Lieut.-Gen.

CONGRESS TO-DAY.

Quartermaster-General Meigs continues his orders stopping the pay of officers of the army, because of their absence from their commands, and the accounts rendered of those on leave and recalled ones. The pay of several hundred was stopped last week on this account.

PROGRESS IN ALABAMA.

Rep. Francis W. Kellogg, Collector of Internal Revenue at Mobile, and is now here on a trial before the Committee on Reconstruction, says that the cotton crop in that State this year will be about three-fourths as large as that of 1860. The negroes are working well, and the relations between them and the planters

HARMONIOUS.

Assistant Secretary Mr. Seward, the newly appointed Collector of New York, before receiving his appointment, pledged himself to the Committee on Reconstruction, that he would not remove any officer in the Custom House, except for cause.

THE WILLIAMS CHARGES OF MISCONDUCT.

The broader construction of the Treasury may be inferred from the fact that there are now lists of over four hundred and thirty officers in the Treasury subject to draft.

FINANCIAL.

All the War Department warrants have been drawn up to the end of the present fiscal year, ending June 30th next.

The disbursements and receipts of the Treasury Department during the week amounted to nearly seven millions.

PRISONERS GOING SOUTH.

Yesterday afternoon fifteen hundred prisoners of the 4th, 6th and 9th Corps, both sick and convalescent, under charge of an officer and guard, started for Petersburg. They were all charged with petty larceny. The Union Army has entered a most propitious month of the year to commence its campaign. In the month of June the South will take care of its recovery of a three months' growth of grass, and the North will be in possession of its early crops. About one hundred and twenty-five thousand men, left at the close of the South, where they are grumbling good wages.

FROM CINCINNATI.

Interesting Developments in Northern Alabama—Destruction of Steamboats—Affair.

[Special Despatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

CINCINNATI, April 21.

A messenger, Judge Wilson, arrived here to-day, who arrived here, seeking immediate relief for thousands of starving white people, as well as negroes, in Northern Alabama. He says the people in the mountain districts have been driven to the verge of starvation by the war, and the destruction of their crops by the rebels. Gen. Thomas Jenkins, Chairman of the Committee of Conference to-day appointed $1,000 and ordered supplies to be sent to Huntsville, Alabama

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SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 1869.

REDUCTION OF TAXES.

The Democratic Party of Illinois and Messrs. Ketchum propose a reduction of internal taxation amounting in the aggregate to eight millions of dollars. This does not include any reduction of the income tax. It relates to certain articles which are manufactured in a few States, such as pig iron, copper, brass, lead, zinc, etc., in bars or ingots, paper, barrels, boxes, and a multitude of primitive manufactures. It is estimated that the exemptions proposed will relieve the people of more than one fifth of the present income of the Treasury

PURCHASERS' CONVENTION.

...Wool Dealers and Advisa...Fac-...Hon. Hezekiah Bronson Adopted Maga...the Purchase of Wool.

...committee was held at ...the 15th inst., presided ...Parsons, of Ann Arbor, Mr. Ap... of Adrian, Secretary Mr. Hall ...mittee on Resolutions, reported ...

Whereas—Thomas A. Scott, ...Vice President—Hezekiah Bron... ...Secretary—Wm. H. Hall. ...Chief Engineer—R. A. Wilson.

The following resolutions were adopted:

...Resolved, That the Chief Engineer be charged to make ...or more preliminary surveys as he may ...ary between the end of the Pittsburgh, Fort ...and the terminus of the Pittsburgh, Columbus ...Railroad, at Steubenville, Jefferson county, Ohio, ...the probable cost of constructing said line of ...and to report the same to the Board of Directors ...to locate said road; and that he report thereon ...to the board for its consideration at its next ...meeting.

...According to a statement by the N. Y. Post, ...cotton has been received from New York exclusively ...during the week ending Tuesday, were to the ...unusually heavy amount of 52,100 bales, or the ...ship value of $2,605,500; including, to Liverpool, ...36,300 bales, valued at $1,720,500; to Hamburg, ...1,101 bales, valued at $104,214; to Bremen, 800 ...bales, valued at $40,000; to Havre, 400 bales, valued at $70,000; and to Barcelona, 8 bales, valued at $1,750. The total of the preceding week's exports was 91,113 bales, making the foreign shipments since September 1, 1868, 1,243,836, or an excess of 9,427 bales over the same period last year. Since the commencement of the current cotton year, September 1, 1868, there have been received at this port 214,688 bales, being an average of 37,327 bales per week; and exported from the port, 236,336 bales, or an average of 41,076 bales a week. On the basis of even the reduced stock, which will remain after closing, the 236,336 bales of cotton from that port on the thirty-three weeks since September 1, 1868, have been equal to nearly seventy millions dollars.

...It is thus the money market stands increased; call loans being readily accessible at 6 per cent, with occasional transactions at lower figures. The bank of England rate of discount is unaltered at 7 & 8. but money is obtainable outside at lower rates. On the street the best paper is readily taken at 6@7 per cent; and even single name paper is occasionally taken at 8 per cent. Good names are however obtainable at 7 per cent; and the lower grades, though little is offered, still receive high rates to pay.

...The Mercantile Gazette's report of leveraged finances for economy, owing to maximized receipts of ...; while the army market is not quite so stringent a bit. Good paper continues ...commercial circles at the same rates as ...

Eastern exchange is in good supply, and rates are quoted a shade easier—¼ of 1 per cent, discount to ...buying, and ¼@¾ of 1 per cent, selling.

...The Chicago produce market is in a depressed ...in any condition, and the supply of available ...ial is in excess of the offerings of buyers. Rates of ...ment remain about the same as last quoted, viz: ...@81 9 gold. Call loans were discountable at 6@7 ...

There have been considerable orders from New York for lots, which have furnished good deal of ...ployment; but still the supply was not equal to the ...ands of buyers. Medium grades of coarse ...ssing, while rates remained very firm at 65@70 ...pound, buying, and 1@2 more, selling.

...The Boston Commercial Bulletin of April 8 ...per cent, on call, with loans at those rates in exceptional cases. For a long time the supply of money to call has exceeded the demand on stocks, but with the Secretary of the Treasury's opposition to ...making activity, this state of things will continue, ...no one is inclined to make long commitments ...the policy of the Secretary is to flatter. Real ...commercial paper sells at 6@7 per cent at 60@ ...and names less well known at 7@8@10 per cent.

...The New York Evening Post says:

...We are informed that the debts on the Boston, ...and the 10 miles of the Lawrence Railroad prior ...the claims for advances made by Philadelphia ...subscribers to pay back the interest we officially reported to-day: Pitts. Mansfield & Painesville, $1,000; Pitts. Mansfield & Painesville Bonds, $500; City Wilmington Mortgage, $524,000; Second Mortgage, $100,000; Cincinnati Loan, $1,000; Cincinnati Loan, $1,000; Cincinnati Loan, $1

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SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 1868.

THE CITY.

Gen. Palmer has left for Pueblo, Col.

Prof. Swing will preach to-morrow in the Central Music Hall, corner of Randolph and Dearborn streets, at 10:30 a. m.

Prof. Swing will preach this evening at 7:30 o'clock in the Central Music Hall, corner of Randolph and Dearborn streets. Subject: "Religious Fanaticism."

Rev. Dr. Patton will preach this morning at 10:30 o'clock in the First Presbyterian Church, corner of Washington and Green streets. In the evening at 7:30 o'clock Rev. Dr. Goodwin will preach in the same church.

Rev. Dr. Thomas will preach this morning at 10:30 o'clock in the Second Presbyterian Church, corner of Washington and Aberdeen streets. In the evening at 7:30 o'clock Rev. Dr. Goodwin will preach in the same church.

Rev. Dr. Adams will preach this morning at 10:30 o'clock in the Fourth Presbyterian Church, corner of Ashland avenue and Adams street. In the evening at 7:30 o'clock Rev. Dr. Goodwin will preach in the same church.

Rev. Dr. Goodwin will preach this morning at 10:30 o'clock in the Union Park Congregational Church, corner of Ashland avenue and Lake street. In the evening at 7:30 o'clock Rev. Dr. Goodwin will preach in the same church.

Rev. Dr. Kittredge will preach this morning at 10:30 o'clock in the Plymouth Congregational Church, corner of Washington and Ann streets. In the evening at 7:30 o'clock Rev. Dr. Goodwin will preach in the same church.